



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 4, 2016

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95818

Re: SB 906 – (Beall) – As Introduced on January 25, 2016 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 906, which would conform the definition of “foster youth or former foster youth” for purposes of this bill to conform to definition consistent with the California Chaffee Foster Youth Grant program and remove the sunset provision from the requirement (or request in the University of California’s case) that the California State University and community college districts grant priority registration for enrollment for a foster youth or former foster youth.

SB 906 would also remove the sunset provision on the extension of priority registration to Extended Opportunity Program and Services students and disabled students at California Community Colleges. SB 906 simply removes the January 1, 2017, sunset date for these requirements.

This legislation creates educational opportunities for foster youth, as counties serve this vulnerable population through our child welfare services, probation, and mental health systems. This common-sense legislation will ensure that foster youth have the opportunity to earn a higher education.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports SB 906. If you have any questions regarding the County’s position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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